GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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ROAD ACCIDENTS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents occurred on National Highways in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, National Highway - wise;

(b) whether the occurrence of accidents are continuously rising on these National Highways;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures being taken by the Government to check such accidents ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) : As reported by the State Governments, the number of road accidents on National Highways in Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh during the last three years are given below. National Highway wise data are not maintained by this Ministry.

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Name of the state	1999	2000	2001
Rajasthan	6778	6718	7465
Uttar Pradesh	6442	6198	N.A.
Punjab	1223	1268	N.A.
Himachal Pradesh	829	709	1001

N.A.= Not Available

(c): Various reasons for road accidents in India as identified are : lack of traffic discipline on the part of drivers and road users, phenomenal increase in the number of motor vehicles with no corresponding increase in road capacity, mixed traffic conditions, over-speeding, drunken driving, mechanical defects in vehicles etc.

(d) : Necessary measures of road safety on all National Highways are incorporated inthe Road Design at the detailed project report stage. The Government has also taken a number of steps besides highway design to improve the road Safety on National Highways. These include :

(1) About 15,750 drivers of heavy motor vehicles have been provided refresher training in the last Plan period.

(2) Publicity campaigns on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(3) Grants-in-aid is provided to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(4) Use of simulators in driver`s training is encouraged

(5) National Award instituted for voluntary organizations/individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(6) All India Essay Competition on road safety are organized for school children for creating awareness among the school children.

(7) Fitness norms for transport vehicles have been tightened.

(8) Widening /improvement of roads